

DRAFT NW Lichenologists activities at the NWSA meeting, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, March 2020

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Lodging: The conference has a group rate at Phoenix Inn and Suites, within walking distance to the meeting site. Use [this link](#) to get the special group rate.

Food: Market of Choice is located at 1960 Franklin Blvd, east of the hotel. They have premade sandwiches and salads.

Tues. Mar. 26

6:00–9:30 PM ([Wildcraft Ciderworks, Eugene](#)) - Evening Social (appetizers and drinks). Evening social with hors d'oeuvres. This is a NWSA-wide event, but we usually have great lichenologist participation and more than a few appetizers after a long day of driving.

Wed. Mar 25 – University of Oregon campus

8:00-11:45 – Keynote speaker and plenary talks.

12:00-3:30 (maybe 4:00) – informal trip to Andrew Reasoner Wildlife Preserve. Typical Willamette Valley savanna with large old Garry oaks. Goal: make a list of lichens of the Preserve. Bring your own lunch and we'll picnic there.

3:30 – 5:30 posters. Don't miss our 1 poster by Alida Melse on Lichens and Mosses as Biological Indicators of Nitrogen Deposition in North Cascades National Service Complex. Poster presenters: please try to attend the end of the lichen session on Thursday for Q/A and discussion.

5:00-6:30 [Museum of Natural and Cultural History, University of Oregon](#) open to meeting attendees. Small, sweet museum with wonderful displays and a large focus on local anthropology.

About 6:30 -- Dinner at a local restaurant, location and time TBA; ask others at poster session. Possibility (and it may change):

- Claim 52 Kitchen, 1203 Willamette St #140. Looking in to other options, but if we meet here I will reserve the back room so it will be fairly quiet.

Thurs. Mar 28.

8:40-9:50 – lichen talks

10:00-10:20 – break

10:20-11:40 – lichen and bryo talks

11:40 - 12 Discussion and Q/A: lichen posters from Wednesday.

12:00 – 1:45 -- NWSA Business LUNCH at Williams Conference Center. FREE LUNCH FOR REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS! Be sure to attend this to catch up on NWSA news, see the award winners, and have a great lunch.

2:00 – 5:00 – Workshop: identify your collections from oaks, make a list for Andrew Reasoner Preserve

6-?? – Dinner at Daphne Stone's house. Not fancy – I will order pizza and offer salad. 30567 Le Bleu Rd. Please carpool and make sure everyone gets a ride.

Fri. Mar 29. **Field trip** – led by Daphne Stone. We will carpool. **Meet at 8 a.m., Phoenix Inn** parking lot, 850 Franklin Blvd, across the street from UO. (meeting place may change, keep your ears open). Bring your own lunch!

Main excursion: Eagle's Rest

The trip is a visit to a small piece of BLM land south of Dexter Lake in Lane County, OR. It will take us about 45 minutes, all on paved roads, to get there. Eagle's Rest is a small rocky knob with exposed rock and mossy areas on the south exposure, beautiful second growth forest on the north side. The hike is a short steep (but switchbacked) hike up through Douglas fir forest, then as we go higher there are large hemlocks and a bit of grand fir. At the top we emerge into the open with waist-high oaks and manzanita, rock outcrops and mossy terraces. Total hike time is about 30 minutes without stopping (about ½ mile).

On our way there we will follow Lost Creek and see *Usnea longissima* and patches of *Alnus* and *Acer macrophyllum*. If we have time after Eagle's Rest we may stop along the road to check out these other habitats.